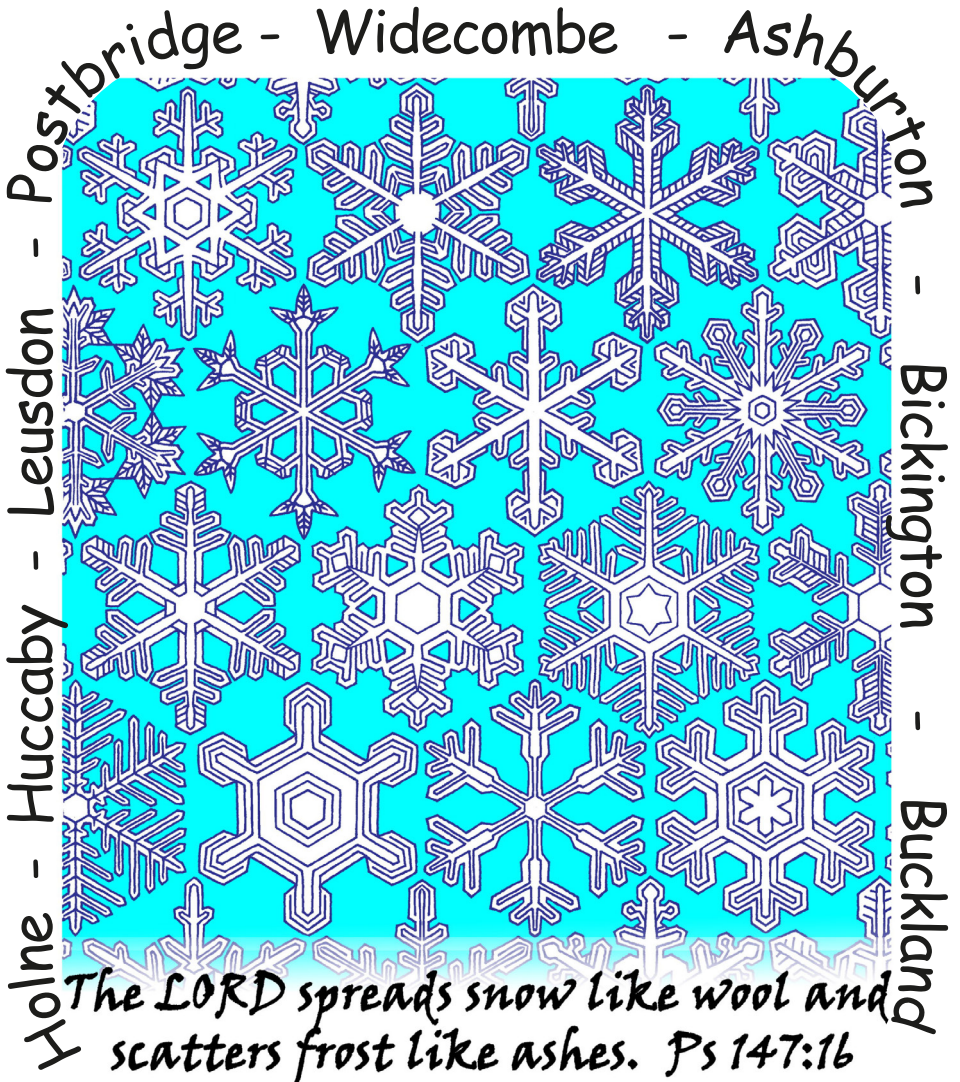


# Moorland Parish Link



## January 2022

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There is no Parish Letter this month

Heavenly Father,  
Jesus was revealed  
as Your Beloved Son  
at His baptism.



May we acknowledge  
Him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be  
Your Beloved Children;  
through Jesus Christ  
our Saviour.

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There are no register entries

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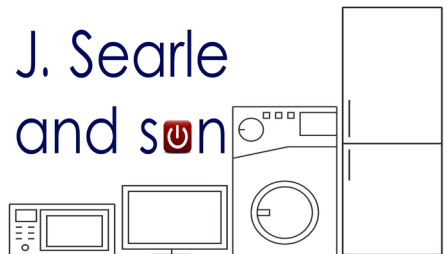
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Messy Church is on the second Saturday of January. This means that there are two treats for families on this weekend. Moor Church will be on Sunday afternoon January 9<sup>th</sup>. It will help with writing this article though; I will be able to report what we have done rather than what we are about to do! This month we are about to go to Shallowford Farm Nativity. This is the most magical nativity I have ever been to. Mary and lambs in a real barn. Real shepherds in a field with lights. All in the open air so safe hopefully from Omicron.



We are sending out in today's post a parcel for every family who comes to Messy Church. Angels and stars to make for their Christmas tree at home, but did you see any who came and found a home on the Church's Christmas tree?

Christingle Service, Woodlanders Nativity and the Crib Service have meant that we have had a large number of new families attending St Andrew's Church this year.

In January the theme is The Three Kings. I hope that we can embrace the message of finding Jesus. I know that for my life to be happy, joyful and full of fun I need to find Jesus each and every day.

He leads me to make good decisions and spread his love to everyone I meet and talk to. We will be making Hobby Camels and dressing up as well as lots of fun painting and making a mess. We are planning to celebrate Messy Church Christmas on January 8<sup>th</sup> and copy the kings who "bowed down and worshipped him" Matthew 2 verse 11. Jane





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# St Mary the Virgin, Holne

*For contact information, ministers and church officers see front of the Link*

**Church Services - see Page 20 for details**

Date	Time	Service
2nd January	-	-
9th January	18:00	Holy Communion
16th January	09:00	At Huccaby
23rd January	17:00	Evening Worship
30th January	10:30	United Mission Community Service in Ashburton

What will 2022 bring? As reported in December's Link, it will be the year that major restoration work will begin on the church. Some may ask "Why bother? Hardly anyone goes to church. Surely the land could be put to better use, like being developed for housing". Well, there are several answers to those comments.

On a practical level, the Church is a Grade1 listed building and therefore it would be virtually impossible to obtain permission to do anything with it. It also contains items of significant historical importance such as the rood screen, pulpit and even the ceiling of the Nave, which is a rare survivor of its type.

At a community level, it has been the centre of Holne for eight centuries. During this time, it has witnessed baptisms, weddings and funerals of local families, some of whom still either live here or have connections in the area. Then there are the links to famous figures such as the author Charles Kingsley and Archbishop Michael Ramsey.

It is true to say that the current regular congregation is relatively small but witness the 50+ people at a baptism in November 2021; the 50+ people who attend the Carol and Crib Services each year, in addition to the sizeable numbers who come to Remembrance and Easter Services. Then there are those who want to celebrate their marriage in church or say farewell to loved ones at a church funeral. Who would deny those individuals the opportunity to do those things in the presence of God?

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We do not know how many people come to the church to spend time alone in prayer and quiet contemplation, especially in times like these when the world can seem a very scary place. Nor do we Christians doubt that God is working in people's hearts. There will be a time when the church building is full again because of the Good News that God is offering us a gift of life which is better than the one that the world gives us.

God's church is not the building, but his people. However, his people need somewhere to meet and worship him. St Mary the Virgin Holne was built for that purpose and for the foreseeable future that is what we will continue to do there.

*Gillian Parker*

### **Holne Garden Group - The Future**

As our members will be aware we have not been able to arrange any outings for the past two years. It has been disappointing and we know that many of you have missed the opportunity to regularly meet up with friends and acquaintances on a regular basis, and to enjoy the various places we have visited. It is with regret therefore, that we have decided that the group should be wound up as there does not seem likely to be an opportunity in the foreseeable future, to continue to arrange the activities we have all enjoyed. It may be that in the spring when the dreaded virus has gone away, that someone may wish to resurrect the group. There is a small amount of funds which will kept in reserve just in case someone comes forward to recommence the group.



With our very best wishes and a Happy Christmas to you all.

Judy Le Marchant, Gill Gray, Maggie Montgomery

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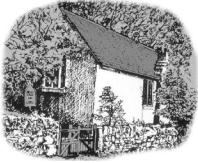
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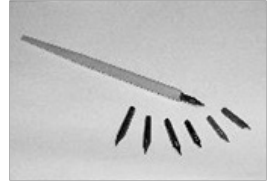


# St Raphael, Huccaby

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**Church Services - see Page 20 for details**

## Past and the future?



Victorian school copybooks and pens have been traced – and early in 2022 will be on display at St Raphael's.



Fifty-four years later, (St Raphael's Chapel and school were established 1868), the new 'contactless' facility is proving valuable already – and in February may have a technological overload when snowdrops donations are taken!

We wish you all a happy New Year 2022 and leave you with an ecumenical message:

“Consult not your fears, but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern not yourself with what you tried and failed in, but what it is still possible to do. Now is the time to put aside past and present setbacks and failures and look with confidence to the new day tomorrow.” **Pope John XXIII**

*Tony Parker*

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**Church Services - see Page 20 for details**

Date	Time	Service
2nd January	16:00	Evensong
9th January	12:00	Memorial for Sheila Bamsey (with communion)
16th January	12:00	Plough Sunday
23rd January	12:00	Parish Communion
30th January	10:30	United Mission Community Service in Ashburton

## Memorial Service with Holy Communion at Leusdon Church

On Sunday 9th January at 12 noon the Plough Sunday service will instead be Holy Communion and will incorporate a memorial to Sheila Bamsey who died recently.

This is an invitation to all from Geoff and family to join them in a celebration of Sheila's life.

*Covid Update - Leusdon Church is open all day, every day. You are welcome to visit at any time – an opportunity to sit quietly, say a prayer and enjoy our beautiful building. Face coverings are once again mandatory in places of worship. While there are exemptions this is a legal requirement.*

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## Leusdon Memorial Hall

As I write this on the 4th December 2021, many of the Christmas activities are still to take place. I hope they will have all gone well by the time you are reading it.

We start 2022 by breaking with tradition and holding a coffee morning on **Wednesday 5th January 2022.**

The Whist Drives are continuing (they are preceded by a soup and roll or pasty lunch at 1.00pm for any anyone wishing to partake). The next one will be held on the 10th January, Whist starting at 2.00pm. The cost will be Lunch and Whist £5.00. Whist only £3.00 which will include half time refreshments and a draw.

This will be followed at 4.00pm by a committee meeting. The first part will be an OPEN MEETING to discuss arrangements for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. If you have any ideas for this I would urge you to attend or contact any member of the committee beforehand. If there is no interest it is unlikely that anything extra will be organised by the Hall Committee.

In February we are pleased to welcome the Parish Council who are holding their monthly meeting in the Hall.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope 2022 sees us all return to normality.

Should you wish to book the Hall, it is available for hire at £10.00 per hour, there are special rates for regular users. Tables at the Coffee Morning can be booked for £5 per table per session. Further details can be obtained by contacting our booking secretary:

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In the meantime, if anyone would like to discuss any aspect of the Hall please contact myself or any committee member.

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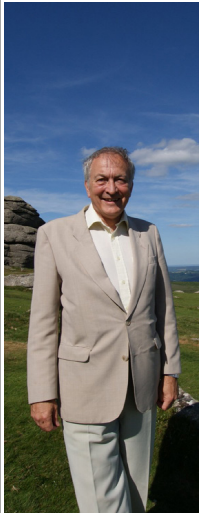
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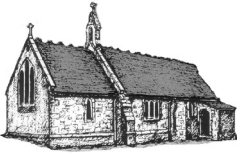


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Date	Time	Service
4th January	19:30	An Hour of Quiet Reflection
9th January	09:00	BCP Communion
23rd January	18:00	Evening Payer
30th January	10:30	United Mission Community Service in Ashburton

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# Church Services for January 2022

<b>2nd January</b>		<b>The Epiphany</b>			<b>White</b>
<i>Readings - Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.[1-9]10-15; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12</i>					
Widcombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	16:00	Evensong	Ashburton	10:30	New Year Family Service
			Ilington	10:30	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	10:30	Covenant Service
			Buckland	11:00	Holy Communion
			Bickington	16:00	Christingle Service
<b>4th January</b>		<b>Quiet Reflection</b>			
Postbridge	19:30	An Hour of Quiet Reflection			
<b>8th January</b>		<b>Messy Church</b>			
			Ashburton	16:00	Messy Church
<b>9th January</b>		<b>Baptism of Christ</b>			<b>White</b>
<i>Readings - Isaiah 43.1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-17,21,22</i>					
Postbridge	09:00	BCP Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion
Widcombe	10:30	Plough Sunday	Ilington	10:30	Family Service
Leusdon	12:00	Sheila Bamsey Memorial Service with communion	TBC	14:00	Moor Church
Holne	18:00	Holy Communion			
<b>16th January</b>		<b>Epiphany 2</b>			<b>White</b>
<i>Readings - Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm 36.5-10; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11</i>					
Huccaby	09:00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10:30	All Age Communion & Baptism
Widcombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ilington	10:30	Holy Communion
Leusdon	12:00	Plough Sunday	Buckland	15:00	Evening Prayer
			St Petros	18:00	Celtic Reflective Service
<b>23rd January</b>		<b>Epiphany 3</b>			<b>White</b>
<i>Readings - Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10; Psalm 19*; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21</i>					
Widcombe	10:30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	09:30	Breakfast Church
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion
Holne	17:00	Evening Worship	Ilington	10:30	Morning Praise
Postbridge	18:00	Evening Prayer			
<b>27th January</b>		<b>Informal Communion</b>			
			Ashburton	18:30	Informal Communion

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There is a service of  
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**Communion at home**  
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 Communion please contact Mark or  
 Geoffrey.  
*(see page 2 for contact details)*

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**30th January**

**Epiphany 4**

**White**

Readings - Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

Ashburton 10:30 United Mission Community  
 Service

## Should I wear a face covering in a church building?

Face coverings are once again mandatory in places of worship. While there are exemptions **this is a legal requirement.**

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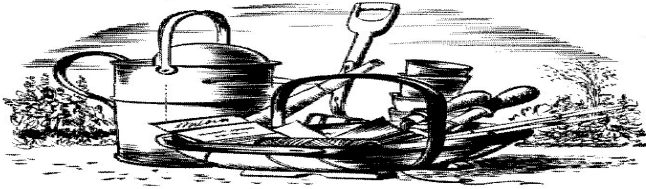
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## High Moorland Women's Institute Princetown



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If you would like to know more about High Moorland Women's Institute or details of the events listed above, please drop Helly an email on [hellyhtsn@hotmail.com](mailto:hellyhtsn@hotmail.com) or follow us on Facebook: High Moorland Women's Institute.



## Princetown History Club

meets 1st Tuesday of each month at Princetown Community Centre at 7 for 7.30pm.

**5th Jan** A talk on "The Zimbabwe ruins" by David Lemon

**1st Feb** AGM and a talk by Simon Dell on "Tavistock's policing past"

For further information, please phone Mr John Lissenden on 01752 847573 or email [jlissenden@talktalk.net](mailto:jlissenden@talktalk.net) Web Site: [princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com](http://princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com)

## Rainfall in November 2021

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	56.1mm (2.2")	7	-
	(November 2020 - 148.9mm (5.9"))		
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**Church Services - see Page 20 for details**

Date	Time	Service
2nd January	10:30	Parish Communion
9th January	10:30	Plough Sunday
16th January	10:30	Parish Communion
23rd January	10:30	Parish Communion
30th January	10:30	United Mission Community Service in Ashburton

*Covid Update - Widecombe Church is open all day, every day, 9-5. You are welcome to visit at any time – an opportunity to sit quietly, say a prayer and enjoy our beautiful building. Face coverings are once again mandatory in places of worship. While there are exemptions this is a legal requirement.*

All our services can be downloaded from <https://ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/resources-and-prayers-wlp> Any queries, please contact Revd Geoffrey Fenton (Team Vicar) 01364 621334 [geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk](mailto:geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk)

## WIDECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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If you are a community group wishing to be considered for a small grant, please contact the clerk for an application form: Suzanna Hughes, 16 Westwood Cleave, Ogwell, Newton Abbot, TQ12 6YE or [suzanna.hughes21@gmail.com](mailto:suzanna.hughes21@gmail.com)

Applications should be submitted by **28 January 2022** for consideration in February's Parish Council meeting.

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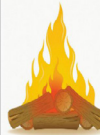
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## The Two Edmunds

In the section of churchyard to the north of St Pancras Church, lying amongst a collection of “grave markers”, is a stone commemorating the lives of twins, **Edmund Lyons Radcliffe and Gilbert Courtney Radcliffe**.

Today I would like to recount the story of one of those young men, Edmund Lyons Radcliffe and compare his passing to that of his father Edmund Willoughby Radcliffe, a name familiar to many from its inclusion on the Parish War Memorial.

Edmund and Giles were the twin sons of Edmund Willoughby Radcliffe of Bag Park, Widecombe. During my research of both father and son, a number of coincidences in the stories of the two men have been discovered.

Firstly, the same Christian name.

Then there is the fact that both joined the Armed forces at the end of a major world conflict. Edmund (senior) joined the Coldstream Guards in 1918, as soon as he was of age, but was still ‘in training’ when World War One ended. Edmund (Junior) joined the Scots Guards in 1945 but again saw no action before peace was declared and World War Two ended.

In 1950 Edmund (Junior) re-enlisted in the Oxford & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry which is the Regiment his father had joined when he went to war in 1940.

A further striking coincidence follows: Edmund (Senior) was transferred from the Ox & Bucks to The Parachute Regiment upon its formation and served with the 2nd Parachute Regiment in North Africa in 1943. Edmund (Junior) was transferred from the Ox & Bucks to the Durham Light Infantry in 1951, and in 1952 was posted to serve with the ‘Durhams’ as part of the British Commonwealth contingent in the War in Korea. (1950-1953).

Both men met their deaths whilst on active service. Edmund (Senior) in March 1943 in Tunisia and Edmund (Junior) posted “missing presumed killed” in Korea in April 1953. Edmund (senior) is commemorated in the CWGC cemetery at the Tabarka Ras Rajel War Cemetery in Tunisia, Edmund (Junior) is commemorated on the UN Wall of Remembrance, Pusan, Korea.

The Korean War is often referred to, (especially by the veterans of that war), as the “Forgotten War”. Nearly 60,000 British combat troops saw action during the war both regular troops and National Servicemen. A total of 1100 British soldiers lost their lives during the conflict.

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For more information about WDSG visit [www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com/sports\\_group/](http://www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com/sports_group/)

Thank you and enjoy your sports area.

## WIDDYTOTS

Widdytots is our local group for Mums and children under 5 years.

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## Widecombe Community Hall CIO Update



Widecombe Community Hall CIO  
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Despite the challenges posed over the last year or two, the project has been creeping forward and we plan to begin physical construction on the first phase of works in 2022, starting with a new access bridge onto the Hayes Field.

It is with enormous gratitude and delight that the Trustees can announce an extraordinary bequest of £150,000 from the late Gary Cooper of Paignton. This gift brings our funds to over 1/3 of the total required and will be an enormous boost to securing future grant applications, but there is still a long way to go and your ongoing support is hugely appreciated.

Wishing the whole community a wonderful Christmas and we're looking forward to hosting events and bringing people together again in 2022!

[www.widecombecommunityhall.org](http://www.widecombecommunityhall.org)

Email: [info@widecombecommunityhall.org](mailto:info@widecombecommunityhall.org)

### Widecombe & District History Group

Meetings are held in the Church House in Widecombe on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

**Wednesday 5th January**

**Doors open 7.00pm**

**Speaker at 7.30pm**

The speaker is **Phil Page** on  
**"Fungi – Fact or Fiction"**

Contact :

Rose Mortimore: 01364 631238 or

Helen Barrow: [helenagsec@gmail.com](mailto:helenagsec@gmail.com)

Widecombe History Group Website:

<https://www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/history/home.php>

### Widecombe & District Ladies Social Group

We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Christmas and a Good New Year.

There will be no meetings in January and February but we hope to continue with the monthly luncheons.

For more details phone Rose on  
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## Wordsearch - Where did the Wise Men come from?

Magi from the East – it isn't a lot to go on. The Magi were a religious caste devoted to astrology, divination and the interpretation of dreams. Some scholars believe these magi came from southern Arabia, where the Queen of Sheba had lived. She would have learned about the coming Messiah from Solomon.

In Matthew's gospel the Magi ask Herod: 'Where is the One who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.' So it is possible that Queen of Sheba's story of Messiah for Israel had survived.

One thing that supports the theory that the magi came from southern Arabia is this: if you study any map of Palestine as it was during biblical times, you will find that the old Arabian caravan routes all entered Palestine 'from the East'.

Magi	Divination	Queen	King
East	Dreams	Sheba	Star
Religious	Scholars	Messiah	Worship
Caste	Southern	Solomon	Palestine
Astrology	Arabia	Herod	Caravan

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## Dunstone & Poundsgate Methodist Chapels

Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369

Church contacts: Nigel Davis (01364) 631476 or Serena Walcot (01364) 631279

### Sunday Service

**Dunstone** - Informal service at 3pm in Dunstone Chapel every week and all are welcome.

**Poundsgate** - First Sunday of the month only, 3pm Zoom

### Bible Study Group

**(Please note day and time change)**

We meet every Wednesday at 6pm at Higher Foxworthy. Everyone is welcome to join but please ring Serena on 07789 762061 so we know the numbers. We are a small friendly group seeking to enrich our knowledge of God through his word in the Bible.

### Dunstone Charity Lunches

We hope to be able to re-start the monthly lunches in the Spring providing we feel it is safe for everyone due to covid.



#### Cook Wanted

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#### Cleaners Wanted

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**E-mail:** [Julia@shallowfordfarm.co.uk](mailto:Julia@shallowfordfarm.co.uk)

## Rotary Club Of Yelverton - A Christmas Update

At last, a return to something approaching normality! Our new regular format of alternate face to face meetings and zoom conferences is under way. At the time of writing this update we've held three meetings in our new venue – Yelverton Golf Club – and are delighted to be there. The food is excellent and the environment is warm and friendly - just what we were looking for.

We held our Car Boot Sale – our first fund-raising event for 18 months – and made a modest start on replenishing our Trust Fund.

Our programme of talks and visits has continued and our thanks go to all those volunteers who gave up their time to educate and entertain us:

We've had a very interesting talk from 'Blood Bikes' who make out of hours deliveries of blood and other essential supplies for the NHS. They operate on a wholly voluntary basis and raise their own funds to support their activities, including the supply and maintenance of the powerful motorbikes needed for such an activity. We are grateful for all they do and will certainly make a contribution to their funds.

We were privileged to be allowed a preview of the newly refurbished Courthouse in Tavistock. This is expected to open to the public in December and we would certainly recommend it as a worthwhile visit. A number of our members have stated their intent to return to see it when all work is completed.

Following a Zoom talk earlier in the year we recently visited the Tavistock headquarters of Dartmoor Rescue. They are in the process of raising funds for a new control/rescue vehicle and a major refurbishment of garage facilities. We will make a contribution to their funds when our financial position improves.

Several of our members visited the Garden House on a rainy Monday afternoon to see the autumn acers, listen to a talk by David Miles on the history of the Garden house and, perhaps most importantly, indulge in a cream tea!

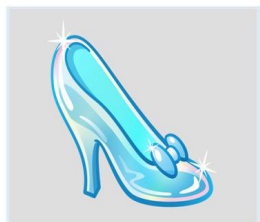
We supported our 'mother' club, Tavistock Rotary Club, by taking a table at their 75th anniversary dinner in the Bedford Hotel. It was a welcome opportunity to get dressed up and meet with friends and their partners.

We are delighted to report that we have added two new members to our Club (there are now 18 of us) and hope that, following an upcoming event for other identified potential

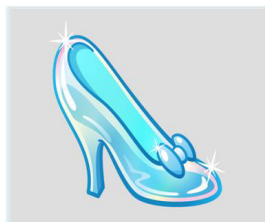
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members, further increases will follow. If you think you might be interested in joining our programme of fun and service, please get in touch.

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## Planning Ahead for 2022



The big event of 2022 will surely be The Queen's Platinum Anniversary of her ascension to the throne on 6 February 1952. It not only marks her 70 years of service as Queen but reflects the fact that she is the longest reigning monarch in British history. It is not going to be a one-day event, but a celebration that will last 18 months or more. It began last May with the launch of the Queen's Green Canopy project: <https://queensgreencanopy.org/> in which villages, towns, schools, colleges, companies, and individuals are encouraged to plant a tree to both celebrate Her Majesty's Jubilee and save the planet!

To add some local interest to the Jubilee, try delving into local archives to find pictures and stories of visits The Queen or other royalty may have made to our part of Dartmoor.

The official logo above, can be downloaded free for non-commercial use from the jubilee website. <https://www.royal.uk/queens-platinum-jubilee-emblem> Also on the website is an interesting page about the history of Royal Jubilees. It is worth visiting for some factual background.

Another good place for more information about the Jubilee celebrations and events is to visit <https://www.royal.uk/platinumjubilee>

As well as the national celebrations, churches and councils throughout the country are planning special services and events so if you have not yet started asking what is happening in the Exeter Diocese and in the Moorland Team Benefice, now is the time to start.

### A Selection of Special Days in January

January	Big Energy Saving Winter – Citizens Advice
2 January	International Stop Spam Day – not tinned ham, but junk email!
4 January	World Braille Day
5 January – 22 February	RSPB's Big Schools' Birdwatch - a citizen science project for schools across the UK. It takes place alongside, and as part of, the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. Just count the bird species you can see in your school, and then send the results to the RSPB.
6 January	The Epiphany
9 January	The Baptism of Jesus
18 January	Winnie the Pooh Day
25 January	Burns Night

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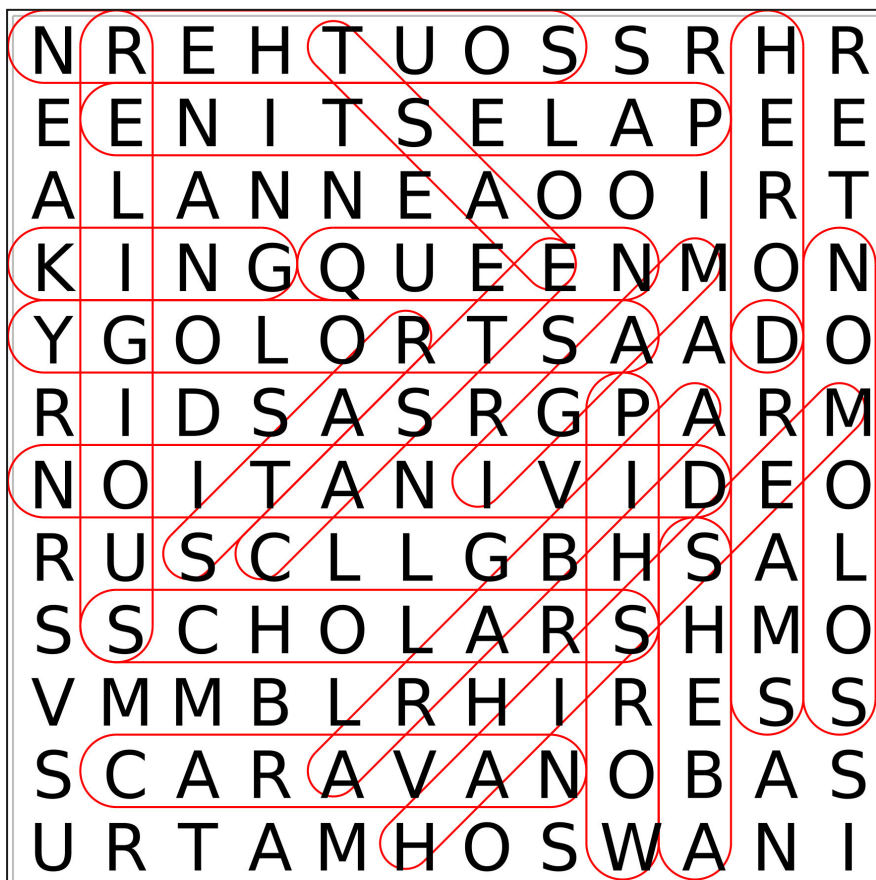
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### Wordsearch Answers



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It looks as though January is going to be a quiet month here on Dartmoor, as we all recover from the celebrations of Christmas. There are not a lot of events to highlight, but it's good to see adverts for Soup and Cheese lunches in Holne (p11) and Whist Drives in Leusdon (p17). And at the end of the month there's Cinderella – “a fun pantomime for all the family” being performed at Postbridge (p35) – do get your tickets for that. And keep an eye out for the snowdrops coming up at Huccaby, and the new items on display from its schoolroom days (p13).

We hope you enjoy our Wordsearch on page 32 – with some intriguing thoughts about the Kings, who according to tradition, didn't arrive until the 6th January – the Epiphany. And the fascinating story about the two Edmunds on page 27.

Whatever 2022 holds, with the uncertainty of the Covid Omicron situation, we are delighted that thanks to the loyalty and generosity of our advertisers and donors, the Link has recovered from its year of no income and no printed magazine with a much improved financial situation and an expanded team. So, a big thank-you to all our contributors and readers.

All of us here at the Link wish you a very Happy New Year!

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